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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: FY 2004/05 – 2006/07 FSTIP Amendment No. 1 – Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG)

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of Amendment No. 1 to the KCAG 2004/05 – 2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated March 15, 2005. KCAG adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 05-03 on February 23, 2005.

This amendment adds or modifies projects that include funding from the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) program and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, and adds two transit projects in Kings County that include funding from the FTA 5311 program.

The KCAPTA project to construct a park and ride lot in Lemoore using CMAQ funds (CML-6198D) is excluded from this approval due to CMAQ eligibility concerns.

With the exclusion noted above, we accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. §1607). Based on our review, we find that changes made to the KCAG FTIP by this amendment do not require new emissions modeling because they include projects determined to be the types listed in 40 CFR 93.126 & 127 as being exempt from any regional emissions analysis. Therefore, we find this FTIP to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This finding has been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is provided in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA, California Division, and the FTA, Region IX, dated July 15, 2004, on Roles and Responsibilities for Multi-mode Amendments.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of the KCAG's FTIP Amendment No. 1, excluding the KCAPTA project, into California's 2004/05 – 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Leigh Levine of the FHWA, California Division office at (916) 498-5034, or Mr. Ted Matley of the FTA, Region IX office at (415) 744-2590.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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